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SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF NMCC NATO TELEPHONE SYSTEM

REF: NCA PSCO MSG, SUBJ AS ABOVE, DTG 301434Z JUL 75 (NOTAL)

1. REFERENCED MESSAGED ASKED US TO QUERY NICSMA REGARDING MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SEPARATION BETWEEN ELCROVOX SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT AND ITS ASSOCIATED CRYPTO CONTROL UNIT (CCU). AFTER MUCH DELAY, NICSMA RESPONDED TO OUR QUERY WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. THE STANDARD FIVE-METER CABLES BETWEEN THE ELCROVOX 1/3 AND THE CCU 3/3 WILL ASSURE 100DB ATTENUATION OF CROSSTALK BETWEEN SUBSCRIBERS. A GREATER SEPARATION (I.E. LONGER CABLE) WILL INCREASE THE RISK BUT THE EXTENT IS UNKNOWN BECAUSE LONGER CABLES HAVE NOT BEEN TESTED.

B. THE GERMAN CIPHER BOARD HAS AGREED TO TEST 25-METER CABLES AT NO COST TO NATO, AND NICSMA HAS ARRANGED WITH THE CABLE CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDED CABLES FOR TEST. FYI. NICSMA APPARENTLY MADE THESE ARRANMEMENTS ON JULY 29, 1975. END FYI

C. NICSMA BELIEVES THAT THE TEST RESULTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE OCT 1, 1975 BECAUSE OF THE AUGUST HOLIDAYS.

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2. NICSMA SUGGESTED THAT NSA MAY BE ABLE TO PERFORM THE TESTS SOONER. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE PRESENT NICSMA ARRANGEMENTS PREVAIL AND THAT, IF REQUIRED, THE US ASK THE GERMAN CIPHER BOARD TO ACCELERATE ITS TESTS. BRUCE

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